

The Hon. Ricardo S. Martinez

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

RAFAEL RAMIREZ,

Defendant.

NO. CR21-108-RSM

FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on the United States' Motion for a Final Order of Forfeiture for the following property:

1. \$108,719 in U.S. currency seized from the primary bedroom of Defendant's residence, on or about June 30, 2021.

The Court, having reviewed the United States' motion, as well as the other pleadings and papers filed in this matter, HEREBY FINDS that entry of a Final Order of Forfeiture is appropriate for the following reasons:

1. In the Plea Agreement that Defendant Ramirez entered on January 20, 2023, he admitted the above-identified property is proceeds of his commission of Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances, in violation

of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(C), 846, to which he entered a guilty plea, and he agreed to forfeit his interest in it (Dkt. No. 393);

2. On February 24, 2023, the Court entered a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, finding the above-identified property forfeitable pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(a) and forfeiting the Defendant's interest in it (Dkt. No. 419);

3. Thereafter, the United States published notice of the pending forfeiture as required by 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure ("Fed. R. Crim. P.") 32.2(b)(6)(C) (Dkt. No. 439), and provided direct notice to three identified potential claimants (Declaration of Assistant U.S. Attorney Krista K. Bush in Support of Motion for a Final Order of Forfeiture, ¶¶ 2-5, Exhibits A-C); and,

4. The time period for filing third-party petitions has expired and none were filed.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COURT ORDERS:

1. No right, title, or interest in the above-listed property exists in any party other than the United States;

2. The property is fully and finally condemned and forfeited, in its entirety, to the United States; and

3. The United States Department of Justice, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and/or their representatives, are authorized to dispose of the property in accordance with the law.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED this 4th day August, 2023.



RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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